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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated August 23, 2006, Applicants respond as

follows: